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In a statement issued today, the London-based Islamic Council strongly condemned the United States for shooting down a civilian airliner thereby causing the deaths of 298 men, women and children. The innocent victims were passengers in an Iranian airliner on a regular 40 minute flight between Bandar Abbas and Dubai, passing through a commercial air corridor.

The statement said that the incident raises grave doubts about the ability of the American armed forces' personnel to handle competently the tremendously advanced and powerful weapons systems placed in their hands.

The American navy, the statement continued, had intervened in the Gulf on the pretext of bringing peace and security to the area. Instead they have made the situation far worse, as yesterday's tragedy shows, and now is the time for them, and all other foreign navies, to withdraw from the Gulf.

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